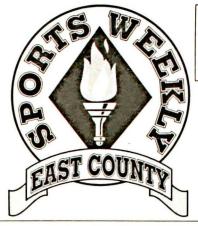
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East County family has lived four decades of Padres history

by Greg Eichelberger

Technically, the Peralta family's connection with the San Diego Padres can be traced to 1950, but for all practical purposes, their association goes back over 300 years. Long before baseball or San Diego, for that matter, existed.

The direct descendants of Spanish soldiers who first trod on California soil with Father Serra's expeditions up and down the coast, this nuclear group is indelibly linked with the original Padres as well as their modern-day namesakes.

Their marriage with this organization has lasted through four decades, three stadiums, a handful of owners and a multitude of players and front office personnel.

"My son, Bucky, entered a contest in 1950, in which he had to write an essay entitled, Why I want to be a Padre bat boy', for the San Diego Journal newspaper," said Ray Peralta, the patriarch of the East County clan.

"He and three other boys were eventually selected that season, two became bat boys, and Bucky and another youngster became ball boys."

Having no transportation, the eldest Peralta would ride the bus downtown to the foot of Broadway, where once stood Lane Field, the home of the Padres' Pacific Coast League team from 1936 to the 1960s, before they moved to Westgate Park in Mission Valley.

He served in the position of ball boy, with the likes of soonto-be Major Leaguer's Minnie Minoso, Jack Graham and Al Smith and with former Yankee, Bill Bevins.

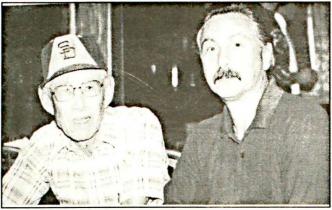
He was eventually promoted to the position of visiting team clubhouse attendant.

"Later, he went on to college in Los Angeles." laughed Ray. "He asked me if I could hold his job for him. I held it for him up until I retired."

Ray was an airplane mechanic working at the North Island Naval Station in those days, and his stint as a clubhouse attendant to a minor league team was strictly a hobby at that point, since the pay was minimal.

But the effect on the family was, nonetheless, extraordinary. Sons Victor and Richard followed in dad and older brother's cleats and assisted in various ways. Ball boy, bat boy, security, clubhouse helper, among other things.

"I even shagged (caught) fly balls for players during batting practice," remembers Victor, now an administrator in the



Ray (left) and Victor Peralta have been Padres clubhouse men since 1951 and 1979, respectively.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

county library system. "Here I was, this young kid, in my early teens, and I'm in the dugout with the likes of Willie Mays, Bob Feller, Al Simmons, Willie McCovey, Willie and Tommy Davis and Ron Fairly, among others. I guess I was too young to realize it then, but later I found out how fortunate I was."

Ray also served in various capacities, but the most humiliating was to act as a flight attendant during trips to other venues.

"C. Arnholdt Smith (then the owner) had a small airline, so we used one of his planes for our road trips," said Ray. "I was designated as the flight attendant for the team. So I had to serve food and drinks as well as make sure the players were ready in their seats for take-off according to FFA regulations."

In May 1968, Major League baseball granted a National League franchise to San Diego (and Montreal), and the Peraltas' life changed yet again.

"In January 1969, I was painting that window frame right over there," said Ray, pointing out a bay window of a home that he has lived in since 1948 and one filled with years of pictures, trophies and memories from several lifetimes.

"I had asked Eddie Leeshman, the Padres general manager at the time if there was any way I could get a full-time position as the equipment manager with the team. He said he would see what he could do.

"My wife told me that Leeshman, was on the phone. So I, spattered with paint, took the receiver, knowing it was either good or bad news, and he told me I was one of three people in the running for it, and if I could retire as a mechanic.

"A few days later, he told me that I was the new Padres' equipment manager, and that was it. I resigned that Friday, after 21 years on the job."

The Padres' payroll wasn't very much, added Ray, noting that the kids were all involved in one respect or another.

Older fellas like Rogers Hornsby (manager of the Seattle Rainers), Joe Gordon (ex-Yankee) and the like, as well as up and coming youngsters who you knew were going to be stars played in the league, Ray noted.

"When we became a big league team, we would see all kinds of stars, especially in the visiting clubhouse," Ray said.

But the Peraltas had jobs to do, and hob-nobbing with the legends of baseball was not one of them, so while appreciating their position, they remained firmly on the turf, as it were.

"I tell people is that when the Padres won the pennant (in 1984), I was sitting next to Steve Garvey on the bench, or that he took a bat boy and I out for dinner during the World Series, or something like that," said Victor, who was the assistant equipment manager from 1979-1985.

That year, which is stamped in the memory of every Pad fan like a cattleman's brand, also supplied some great moments of elation, despair and outright fear for this family.

"We were really down when we came back after the first two National League Championship Series games in Chicago," said Victor. "They had beaten us pretty bad (13-0 and 4-2) in Wrigley Field. But when we saw the thousands of fans who came to greet us at Jack Murphy, it was quite a lift.

"They (the fans) were even trying to shake my hand, as if I were one of the players, or something. Anyway, we rolled off three straight wins to win the National League title and earn the right to play Detroit in the series."

The Padres, however lost in the series four games to one, to the Detroit Tigers.

Jack McKeon became general manager and swept in like a typhoon from the New York Mets. In an effort to keep the organization a winning entity, proceeded to clean house with reckless abandon.

Known as "Trader" Jack, for the innumerable amount of deals he made, he was also labeled "Traitor", for the many long-time Padre employees he lopped off, terminated, and disaffected during his reign.

Ray was offered the job as "internal clubhouse security guard" as a salve to his many years with the team and his recent ill-treatment.

He stayed on in that position for another four years until 1990.

After several years, the Peraltas are slowly making their way back to the Padres.

"Thanks to the new ownership and an article in the *El Cajon Eagle* about former umpire, Ed Rungey, we called Andy Strasberg," said Ray.

Strasberg called the Peraltas back and told them that after all we'd done for the club, we shouldn't have to pay to get in and if we ever needed tickets to just him a call.

"One that tells me that higher forces than box scores at work in our lives," Ray said.

Trophy King makes Cajon attractive place to race

by Joe Naiman

Every week the Cajon Speedway features a trophy dash, with the winner of the four-lap race receiving a trophy and a package of goodies along with a hug or kiss from the night's Trophy Queen. The person alongside the winning driver and Trophy Queen is Dick DiMeglio, who is responsible for the prizes awarded to the trophy dash winner.

DiMeglio's duties include lining up sponsors for the trophy dash and arranging for their distribution. He has obtained not only prizes for the trophy dash winners, but additional items for racers who agree to hoist the sponsors' decals on their cars.

DiMeglio got involved with sponsorships when one of his sons, Mike, began racing in the early 1980s. DiMeglio's ability to obtain sponsors led him to secure consumable items, such as food and automotive products, as well as cash.

After receiving more food than Mike could use, Dick developed the trophy dash."

The first trophy dash prizes came in the late 1980s. "Once you start getting sponsors, it's easier to keep it going because you have something to show to people," DiMeglio added.

DiMeglio, whose actual occupation involves the selling new homes Palomar Mountain Spring Water and was able to arrange for their sponsorship.

Over the years, the quantity of donated items has increased, and to avoid overloading the winning driver the sponsor donations are now also given to pit crews.

It gives the sponsors more exposure, which is what they look for As long as it benefits



Dick DiMeglio

sponsors, it helps get more sponsors, noted DiMeglio

Once a company has agreed to be a sponsor, DiMeglio sends them care packages. His willingness to give back has, however, caused DiMeglio to stand out among those requesting sponsorship.

DiMeglio has lived in Crest since 1975, grew up in Rhode Island. In addition to Mike, DiMeglio's son Jerry has raced, as has his grandson, Mike Jr.

DiMeglio wasn't involved at the Cajon Speedway until his son took to the asphalt. For two years he was in the stands, after which time he joined Mike's pit crew.

The approximate value of the prizes to the winning driver is over \$100. DiMeglio jokes that some drivers spend all their money on their racing hobby and the food from the sponsors is all they eat for the week

Send us your sports or team news!

Tonight is the New Moon, heading towards its First Quarter by Aug. 21. The Full Moon will appear again on Aug. 28. The Perseid meteors were at their peak last night just after midnight. This meteor shower can still be seen streaking out of the northern sky, with the new moon providing a nice, dark sky

For the rest of the year, Venus will appear in the eastern sky after midnight and remain visible at dawn. Its greatest elongation (46 degrees), the greatest apparent distance from the Sun as seen from the Earth, will be on Aug. 19.

Jupiter rises in the early evening, setting after midnight. It is the bright light in the southeast sky, near the Teapot figure of Sagittarius. The Moon will appear closest to Jupiter on Aug. 24

Community Notes

AARP sponsors 55/ALIVE driving classes

The American Association of Retired Persons will sponsor 55/ALIVE mature driving classes from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. today and Aug. 20 at the Lemon Grove Senior Center, 8325 Mt. Vernon Ave. To register, call 463-8851.

Class is open to persons 50 years and older and qualifies seniors 55 and older for a mandatory three-year discount on automobile insurance from all insurance companies in California All participants will receive a DMV certificate. Class is taught by trained volunteers and there is an \$8 fee for certificate and materials.

VFW offers free living trust seminar

The Spring Valley VFW No. 1512 invites the community to a free seminar on living trusts and wills, 6 p.m. Thursday at 9254 Jamacha Rd. The seminar will cover how to avoid probate, taxes and conservatorship. Members of the American Association of Independent Paralegals will make the presentation. For more information, call 800-232-9455, ext. 33.

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B Words by Bob Burns

City should appeal nudity case

The best word that I can come up with is Fight. The shocking news is that a local judge found for the "Lil Darlins" in the lawsuit between the city of Lemon Grove and the lewdicrous crowd that is promoting nudity for profit. The decision must be appealed. There must be something, somewhere, that permits a community to determine that they can disallow such a business within its borders.

The right of free speech just cannot make it possible for the rights of others to be disregarded. I have to believe that the framers of our constitution did not intend that such be the case. The people of Lemon

We should not be forced to allow an immoral and degrading business enterprise within our city limits. We can legally bar a meat processing plant (slaughterhouse) in our city. There is no such type of business acknowledged in our zones.

A steam engine parts manufacturing plant (boiler factory), and a metal processing plant (foundry) are also prevented from operation in our town. Why then, cannot the people of a city determine what is proper for their community?

Foundries, boiler factories and slaughterhouses are banned because of the effects of noise, smoke, odor and health considerations. Why then can we not have the same fears and objections to things that influence our character and moral values? The effects of such businesses on our populace can only be negative, and if there is any meaning at all to the word "justice," then we should be able to have the power to say "no."

Some years ago, I came to realize that our founding fathers must have had some misgivings about the bill of rights. After the eight amendments, there must have been someone who said, "hey, wait a minute." They must have perceived that the freedoms that were set down in the bill, might just be misused. The possibility that a right, as exercised by one, could possibly be contrary to the rights of another. Thus the ninth amendment.

The ninth amendment to the Constitution reads as such: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Apparently this clause is being totally forgotten in the rights movement and the interpretation of the rest of the constitution. It seems very clear to me that it simply means that my rights are a given, only if they do not infringe or take away the rights of others.

Where conflicts of these two views arise, there should be a fair determination of the effects in both directions. We see it contrary today, to the ninth amendment. Criminals are favored and victims rights ignored. Free speech is denying us the right to protect our children against smut and immorality from TV and film. Now we must harbor an "all nude" establishment in our town.

Legal battles are always expensive, but it appears to me that our city must stand up and fight this. At the very least our Council should elect to appeal the decision. To just roll over and accept this, is contrary to what Lemon Grove is, and has been all about. If we are "Our Town" then it is worth fighting for. We may be setting a precedent for other communities, as well as defending our own principles in doing so.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST TS. No. 940429 Loan No.: 0034-227918 MINE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST TS. No. 940429 Loan No.: 0034-227918 ALEGRIA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED October 23, 1989 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, If MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER Notice is hereby given that Union Bank, now known as Union Bank of California, NA., as trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Robert S. Alegria and Catherine B. Alegria, husband and wife as Joint Tenants Recorded 10/27/89 Inst. # 89-593686 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego county, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 1/8/96 Inst. # 89-593688 of Official Records will sell on 8/20/96 at 100 AM At the South entrance to the County Couthouse, 200 West Broadway, San Diego, California at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (NOTE: CASHER'S CHECK(S) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO UNION BANK (NOW) NA SUNION BANK (NOW) NA SUNION BANK (OW) KNOWN AS UNION BANK (OW) KNOWN AS UNION BANK (OW) KNOWN AS UNION BANK (OW) KNOWN AS Union) BANK (OW) KNOWN CON COUNTS (Country owned by it under said Deed of Trust in the covered between the country country owned by it under said Deed of Trust in the country of Country and Countr BANK NOW KNOWN AS UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA, NA) all night, the and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said Countly and State described as: Lot 18 and 2 portion of Lot 17, Block 4, Calvocano Highlands, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Deego, State of California, according to Map thereof No. 2188 flied in the Office of the County Recorder of San Deego County, October 1, 1930, described as follows: Lyng Westerly of the location and protongation of a line beginning at midpoint in the Southerly line of said Lot 17 and extending Northerly in a straight line to the common Southerly corner of Lots 15 and 19 in said Block 4 and the Northerly line of said Lot 17. The property hereotore described is being sold as is. The street address and other common Gesignation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 7980 Janacha Road, San Deego, CA 92114. APNIB 7560-013-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incornectness of the street address and other common designation. If the Control of the Con

national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn high carin special of sector) 302 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until finds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be maule, but without covenant or warranty, espressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances therein, and the unpaid principal of the note secured by said deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trust created by said Deed of Trust. Union Bank now known as Union Bank now known as Union Bank now known as Union Bank of California.

LOAN: 10-0566 OTHER: 160076-5 TS: 4723 JKE A.P. NUMBER 576-295-11-00

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YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 8, 1990. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PRO-CEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A

92114 APPW 57-800-13-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$44,974.33. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or

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Recorded on 02/14/1990 as Instru ment No. 90 081423 in Book Page of Official records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 04/19/1996 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 1996-0194959 of said Official Records, WILL SELL 08/21/1996 at SOI SOUTH ENTRANCE TO COUNTY COURTHOUSE 220 WEST BROADWAY

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TION. TO THE HIGHEST BID-DER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said Cour ty and State and described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST - APN-576-295-11-00

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GROVE, CA 91945 The undersigned Trustee disclaims By: Janet Edwards of the street address and other common designation, if any,

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In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank. a check drawn by a state or federal

credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right

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East County's Jack Renner to play in County Open

by Norrie West

East County golfer Jack Renner will lead a strong field into the 68th San Diego County Open, a 54-hole event beginning today at Steele Canyon Golf Club.

Renner played for nearly 10 years on the PGA tour, winning three tournaments and earning \$1.5 million.

There are others with excellent credentials, of course, and one of those is Bryan Gorman. who won this tournament last year, shooting a sub-par 202 at Rancho San Diego.

According to tournament director Wayne Bell, other entries include Australian David Robinson (a pro from Down Under) and local pros Greg Trompas, Jack Spradlin, Dirk Jones, Chris Starkjohn, and John Mason. Trompas once won the California Open.

Renner, who played in the San Diego JGA for 12 years, won the US Junior Amateur championship in 1973 at Singing Hills. He lives in the East County now.

If you want to watch this talented field there is no charge. Play continues through Thursday over the rugged Steele Canyon layouts.

The purse, with major help from Taylor-Made, is \$80,000.

Chargers express bus service gets ready for 1996 season

San Diego Transit's Chargers Express is ready to roll as the Charges kick off with their first home exhibition game against the St. Louis Cardinals at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Each year more and more football fans are finding out that Charges Express is the way to do. Last year, Chargers Express had a record ridership season, carrying nearly 6,000 passengers per game.

Riders know the fun starts as soon as you get on a Chargers Express bus loaded with other Charger fans. Since the bus has a special lane at the stadium, there's easy in and out and no parking hassles. Round trip fare is only \$5; \$3 one way.

There are 11 convenient pick-up locations including the return of the "new" Old Town Transit Center with parking available for 500 cars

Regular riders can save \$10 by buying a Chargers Express season ticket book for all nine home games for only \$35. Ticket books are available at all pick-up locations on the Aug. 17 game day and at The Transit Store downtown at First and Broadway or by writing San Diego Transit at P.O. Box 2511, San Diego, CA. 92112. For the first time, season tickets can be ordered by phone on your Visa or MasterCard by calling 234-1060.

San Diego Transit is teaming up again with American Airlines and the San Diego Chargers for another exciting Chargers Express Flyaway promotion. Six lucky Chargers fans will receive airfare for two to one of six destinations: Chicago, New York, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, London and Paris. Entry blanks are on the back of each Chargers Express

No purchase is necessary. Contest rules and entries are available at The Transit Store.

Chargers Express buses begin loading two hours before each home game and the last bus leaves for the stadium one hour before game time. On the return trip, the final bus leaves the stadium 20 minutes

The 1996 "Chargers Express Power" Park and Ride locations in East County are as

1. El Cajon Transit Center (2 blocks south of Main on Marshall)

2. Marketplace at the Grove (Opposite Grove Bowling Cen-

3. Spring St. Trolley Station La Mesa

For more information about Chargers Express stadium bus service call InfoExpress at 685-4900.

Roller Hockey sign-ups open

The East County Roller Hockey League, a member league of the San Diego Roller Hockey Conference, is conducting registration for the fall season. The season will run from Oct. 5 to Dec. 14 Games will be played on Saturdays and practices will be held once a week, Monday-Friday. Coaches and Referees are

The league is open to boys

and girls in the following age divisions: 5-8; 9-11; 12-15. Players must provide their own helmet with cage, gloves, knee and elbow pads, mouth guard, hockey stick and in-line

Registration fee is \$85 if received by Sept. 14 and \$100 thereafter. Registration includes team jersey, custom Tshirt and team photo. For information call 632-0275.

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http://www.sandiego-online.com/eco/main.html

East County golf courses offer ample opportunities for young players

by Norrie West

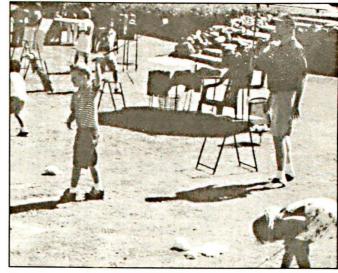
If you want your son or daughter to learn the game of golf, there is opportunity aplenty here in the East County. Here's a rundown:

Steele Canyon Golf Club even has a Junior Club with an annual fee of just one dollar. And for that, you get a personalized bag tag, a USGA Rules of Golf book, a divot repair tool and specially priced monthly cards that allow almost unlimited play. Call 441-

Singing Hills Country Club has a diverse junior golf program. There are free, one-hour clinics on Fridays (Aug. 16, Sept. 6 and 20, and Oct. 11 and 25.) Singing Hills furnished the clubs and balls

Singing Hills also conducts a junior golf camp Aug. 21 - 22 and a combined tennis-golfswimming camp Aug. 26 - 29. There are charges for these camps which are of greater focus than clinics. Call 442-

Carlton Oaks Country Club has free junior clinics Satur-



Brett Yount, 7, works on his driving during a Junior Golf clinic at Steele Canyon Golf Club. Meanwhile dad, City Manager Doug Yount, conducts a performance review.

days and Sundays, taught by head pro Rex Cole, one of the best in the teaching business For further information, call

Sun Valley, the short course in La Mesa, offers beginnersonly free clinics Mondays and Tuesdays, ages six to nine. Debbie Miller instructs. Call

667-1300, the city's Community Center

Mission Trails Golf Course has a summer junior golf camp directed by head pro Tim Helwig. Designed for 8- to 16-yearolds, the camp is to run Aug. 26 - 29, ending with a tournament. There is a fee. For further information, call 460-5400.

Commentary

Convention helps politicos, not economy

by Joe Naiman

Two years ago I was having dinner with a friend of mine who works for the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE). SPIE was having its annual meeting at the San Diego Convention Center and we were able to sneak away for dinner.

During the meal, the waiter dropped a wine glass, which shattered on my side of the table. I quipped that I might as well get prepared in case I got press credentials to the 1996 Republican convention in San Diego.

My friend noted that if the 1996 Republican convention was awarded to San Diego, SPIE would be kicked out. SPIE had reserved the Convention Center every year for its annual meeting, and if the Republican convention used the Convention Center, SPIE would need to find another location.

From a business point of view, San Diego shouldn't even have considered the Republican convention. If SPIE finds their 1996 alternative location satisfactory, San Diego would almost surely lose more than one SPIE convention. This loss is not worth one Republican convention.

There are two reasons why hosting a convention puts money into local coffers. The first is the income from the hotel rooms, rental cars, meals, souvenirs and other goods and services purchased by those who attend the convention. The second reason is that local perennial attendees do not need to spend their money on air fare or hotels and theoretically will spend some of that money locally or keep that money in a local savings account.

A comparison between the two groups shows that several SPIE meetings are a much better bargain than one Republican convention. SPIE is probably not the only group displaced by the Republican convention, so the effect of losing SPIE is augmented by losing whatever other groups would otherwise have been in San Diego in 1996.

But let us look solely at SPIE versus the Republican Party. SPIE is a professional group; expenses to the SPIE convention are often paid for by employers. Even if the attendee pays for the convention expenses out of his or her own pocket, it is usually tax-deductible. The SPIE visitor would likely spend more money than most of the attendees to the Republican convention, who are paying for expenses out of their own pockets.

Additionally, because SPIE is a professional society of engineers, many of whom possess master's degrees or Ph.D.s, the disposable income of SPIE's members may often exceed that of the political activist, who also tends to minimize his or her expenses which don't go into the coffers of a candidate or cause.

Many Republican delegates and visitors will be saving their money for campaigns and are less likely to spend money on convention or tourism activities.

Many local Republican activists prefer that the 1996 convention be in San Diego for the same reason I enjoyed having the 1993 Society for American Baseball Research convention in San Diego - it cost me nothing for airfare or hotels.

The delegates, lobbyists, VIPs and reporters who live in San Diego would spend less money on the convention. Many San Diego residents

would attend a convention in San Diego which they would not attend if they were required to travel, so the number of San Diegans who would attend a Republican convention or a SPIE convention in San Diego is likely to be greater than the number of San Diegans who would travel to a convention elsewhere.

When the number of San Diegans who actually travel to conventions elsewhere is taken into account, the number of Republicans who would spend less if a convention were held in San Diego numbers in the dozens.

On the other hand, tourism is San Diego's third-largest industry. The first is manufacturing, much of which is high-tech. Chances are more San Diego residents would travel to a SPIE convention than to a Republican convention, especially with the business expense discrepancy.

There is another reason for having a convention locally it makes the local hosts look good. Susan Golding, Pete Wilson and others in the San Diego Republican elite are using the convention as a showcase for their own political stature, at the expense of the San Diego economy.

If San Diego had not booked any other conventions, then the Republican convention with its gross income would b good for the city. But in light of the fact that San Diego already has satisfied groups booked for the Convention Center, local Republican leaders should be admonished for putting their own political agenda ahead of the welfare of the citizens of the San Diego

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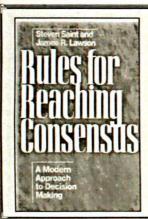
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